

## Message Text

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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS -- RESTRICTION OF FOREIGN TRAVEL

REF: STATE 020595

1. DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS PAPER FOR SRI LANKA BEING SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS SHOULD ACCURATELY STATE THAT SRI LANKA DOES NOT RESTRICT FOREIGN TRAVEL OR EMIGRATION.

2. PARADE ARTICLE SOUNDS LIKE RATHER BREATHLESS FICTIONALIZATION OF HARD LUCK STORIES FROM SRI LANKANS EMPLOYED IN MIDDLE EAST WHICH OCCASIONALLY APPEAR IN COLOMBO PRESS. WE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATOR MIGHT CONTEMPLATE INTRODUCTION OF RESTRICTIVE EMIGRATION LEGISLATION. HOWEVER, CHANCE OF IT RECEIVING GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT AND PASSAGE ARE MINIMAL. ON THE CONTRARY, CURRENT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ARE TO EXPEDITE PROCEDURES FOR SRI LANKANS WHO WISH TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT ABROAD, AS MEANS OF ALLEVIATING SRI LANKA'S SEVERE UNEMPLOYMENT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES.  
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